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SUBJECT: GOB-FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

1. AT A SOCIAL OCCASION LAST EVENING, FRG AMBASSADOR RODING  
RAISED WITH ME FOR THE FIRST TIME THE GOB-FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT  
BY COMMENTING THAT THE ACCORD HAD CERTAINLY CREATED  
A FUROR.

2. NOTING CAREFULLY THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE  
AGREEMENT HAD COME UP BETWEEN THE TWO OF US AND ALSO THAT I  
HAD NEVER DISCUSSED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GOB, I REMARKED  
THAT I WAS PERSONALLY DISTURBED BY THE HEAVY EMPHASIS IN  
BRAZILIAN COMMENTARY ON THE COMMERCIAL MOTIVATION OF US  
CONCERNS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. CITING SEVERAL REFERENCES  
IN THE JUNE 11 PRESS, I ADDED THAT THIS LINE WAS BEING  
REINFORCED BY HEAVY PRESS PLAY ATTRIBUTING THE SAME POSITION  
TO FRG SPOKESMEN IN BONN. I SAID THAT AS RODING KNEW, OUR  
CONCERNS WERE BASED NOT ON COMMERCIAL BUT ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS,  
ESPECIALLY THE PRECEDENT-CREATING NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT.  
I WAS AWARE, I SAID, THAT "ASSISTANT SECRETARY" HERMES HAD  
STATED TO EMBASSY BONN THAT HE HAD MADE THAT POINT IN BACKGROUNDING  
THE PRESS BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT GUIDANCE HAD  
APPARENTLY NOT BEEN FOLLOWED. EMPHASIZING THAT I WAS  
SPEAKING ENTIRELY PERSONALLY, I EXPRESSED THE OPINION  
THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE FRG AND ESPECIALLY ITS  
EMBASSY IN BRAZIL COULD MAKE THE POINT MORE CLEARLY AND  
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OPENLY, PARTICULARLY TO THE GOB. I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT,

UNDER ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS MIGHT NOT BE EASY, ADDING THAT NONETHELESS I THOUGHT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO COUNTER THE DISTORTIONS THAT WERE BEING PROPAGATED.

3. RODING, STRESSING THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE PRIMARY USG CONCERNS WERE, SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE POINT I HAD MADE TO BE REASONABLE AND THAT HE WOULD THINK ABOUT IT.

4. IN THE COURSE OF A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THE QUESTIONS OF MIDDLE- AND LONG-TERM BRAZILIAN INTENTIONS AND THE ADEQUACY OF THE SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS NOW IN THE AGREEMENT, I COMMENTED THAT I BELIEVED THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF KNOWN BRAZILIAN ATTITUDES AND THE PRECEDENT THAT WAS BEING ESTABLISHED, THE FRG WAS ASSUMING A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY. RODING REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE BRAZILIAN ATTITUDES I WAS REFERRING TO AND THAT THE SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, IN ANY CASE, IF THE FRG DID NOT SUPPLY THE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, SOMEONE ELSE WOULD OR THE BRAZILIANS WOULD DO THE JOB THEMSELVES IN TIME. I REMARKED THAT THAT POSITION WAS HARDLY A BRIGHT AUGURY FOR THE FUTURE OF NON-PROLIFERATION.  
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